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FIELD STRIP, Mmm-1

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FOREWORD — MARCH!

During World War II, the writer was visibly impressed by the attitude of his comrades-in-arms towards The Feminine Form. Mute testimony of their admiration adorned footlockers, except on Saturday mornings when they were temporarily stowed in B-bags, far from the prying eyes of the Inspection Officer. Away from garrison, these titillating treasures were affectionately inserted in field packs.

As a morale factor, YANK and STARS & STRIPES overseas, and Camp Newspaper Service, a syndicate which serviced state-side publications, repeatedly offered reproductions of The Body Divine. This strategy was aimed to remind the soldier that this jewel was what he was fighting for. The Paris editorial rooms of the STARS & STRIPES reflected this attitude, too. Beneath the quotation of a general who demanded, in a proof set in 64-point type and tacked to the wall, "Have YOU killed your Nazi today?" clung a gallery of glorified cheesecake that would do credit to the combined talents of the Billys, both Minsky and Rose.

But this device on the part of the Army actually was nothing more than wishful thinking. Rather than encourage GIs to end the strife with willful determination, it tended to whet their appetite for life, liberty, and the pursuit of pinups.

Again, this desire for photos of females in fetching dishabille went to unique extremes. A case in point is the desperation evidenced by a company of troopers, who, when their ship was torpedoed under them while being shuttled across the English Channel, frantically thrashed down below-decks through rising, swirling waters, imperiling their own lives, to rescue a dufflebag which contained a collection of precious portraiture. This demonstrated the GI's willingness to die, if he must, in a gallant effort to save our home-grown American beauties.

This behavior pattern is not uncommon to the fighting man. Far back in the B. C. (Before Cheesecake) era, the Neanderthal warrior crudely etched a feminine figure on his cave wall, and before the advent of photography a knight was wont to bear such treasures of his lady fair as a lock of her hair, a kerchief or a shred of her scented petticoat. But, today, we enjoy the penültimate. Thanks to camera craftsmanship, our modern soldier is well orientated. Yes, he's heard of Bikini; if not as the site of the experimental atom blast, he knows it as a revealing bathing suit.

This and other sundry but relevant thoughts flitted through the mind of the writer one day. The fact that a bundle of khaki-clad electrons responded with such alacrity to the merest glimpse of No Man's Land caused him to pause and ponder. What if he could parlay this passion for pulchritude by blending the soldier's salty humor and his day-dream girl?

Once the publishers expressed trigger-quick enthusiasm for this hybrid experiment, the project got under way. Countless thousands of photographs in scores of studios were scrutinized, and from these 58 were finally selected on the basis of appeal and situation.

In each case, effort was made to score a bull's-eye. They need no further explanation other than their captions, for each reflects a typical segment of Army life. None of the pictures was embellished to highlight some of its finer points, and that phrase is used advisedly. And, of course, considerable restraint was exercised in devising some of the captions.

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1. GREETINGS:

Having submitted yourself to a local board, composed of your neighbors for the purpose of determining your availability for service in the Armed Forc of the United States, you are hereby ordered to report to the local board noted above . . .



2. "Reporting to duty as ordered, Sir!"



3. The American soldier is the best fed, best dressed, best equipped . . .



4. "Hey, any of you guys from Brooklyn?"



5. "And they classified ME Limited Service!"



6. "There's one in every company!"



7. "What's the uniform for today?"



8. "Each star represents a battle campaign."



9. OFF LIMITS TO ENLISTED MEN.



10. Regular Army topkick.



11. "Who's the wise guy who turned off the hot water?"



12. "Take care of your equipment and it will take care of you!"



13. "Migosh, do we have to see that Sex Hygiene film again?"



14. Mess sergeant rounding up his KPs at 0530.



15. "The mission of a scout is to observe contours and lay of the land."



16. "Okay now — by the numbers . . . !"



17. Restricted to barracks.



18. "It's a good idea to be on the right side of the company clerk."



19. "I TOLD that Supply Sergeant it wouldn't fit!"



20. "Let's get on the ball!"



21. "Any messages?"



22. Preparing for Saturday morning inspection.



23. Field strip, Mmmm-1.



24. "Anybody got any foot powder?"



25. "Will one of you fellers fix the strap on my field pack?"



26. "Oh, my achin' back . . . !"



27. "What will they think of putting next in K-rations?"



28. Camouflaging an exposed position.



29. Rear echelon.



30. "Ping pong in the Day Room anyone?"



31. "Don't pull — SQUEEZE!"



32. "Count off . . . !"



33. "I missed chow, Sarge. How about fixing me up?"



34. Never offer anything but your name, rank and serial number.



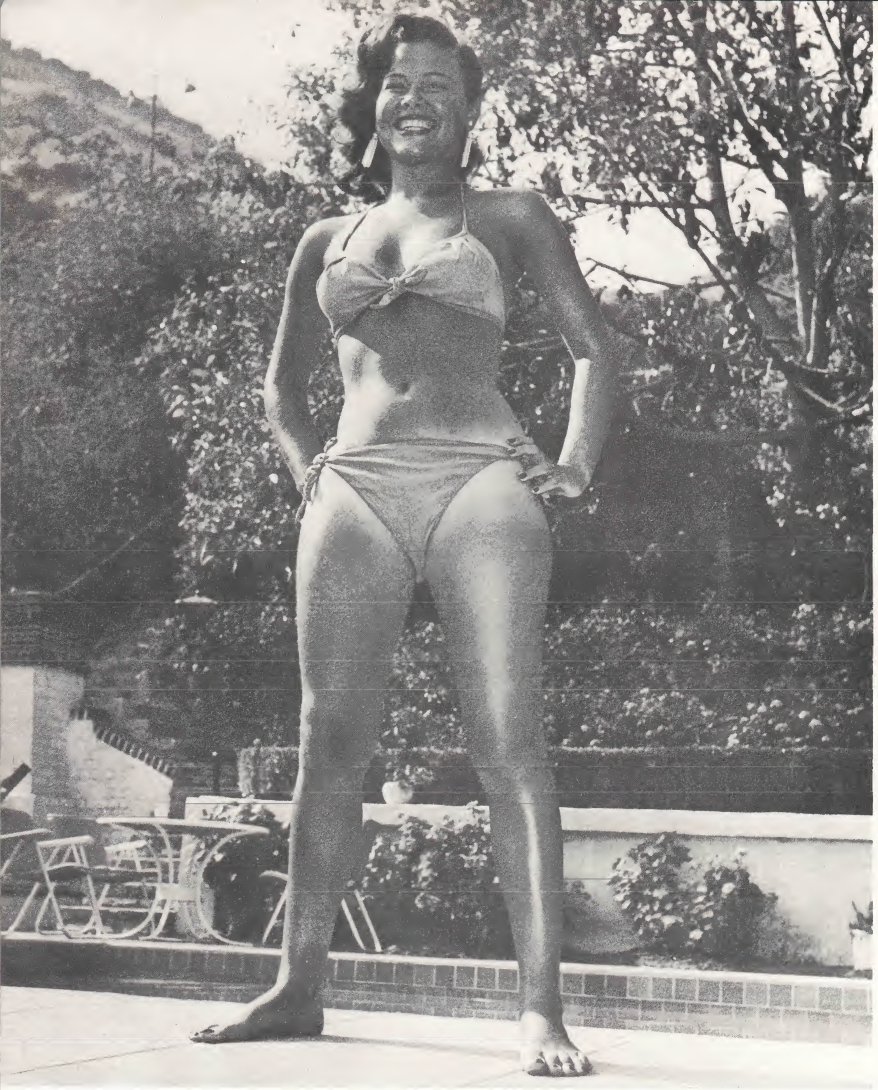
35. "Sure I'm happy. I found a home in the Army!"



36. Booby trap.



37. Position of a soldier.



38. "Whattaya know, fellers — I made corporal!"



39. "Won't the folks at home be surprised when I write them how I've filled out in the Army . . . !"



40. "Get those men out of the hot sun!"



41. "An infantryman's best friend is his piece!"



42. Commando.



43. "All right, now. Watch carefully while I take apart the trigger assembly group!"



44. "Hey, Sarge, ain't you got one my size?"



45. Amphibious operation.



46. TOP SECRET. UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FORBIDDEN TO HANDLE!



47. Officer candidate.



48. Pillboxes.



49. "Honest, lieutenant, I didn't know we were supposed to take along our full field equipment!"



50. When zeroing in, remember one knob is for windage, the other for elevation!



51. "Mary . . . Able . . . Love . . . Charlie . . . Easy . . . Over!"



52. Chicken lieutenant.



53. 1st Indorsement: Approved.



54. "When on patrol, always note the situation and terrain."



55. Hand grenades.



56. Lineup for physical inspection.



57. Hitting the sack after night maneuvers.



58. "Fall out!"

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TOP SECRETS EXPOSED

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